



BY THE
**Lord Lieutenant
 and Council.**

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W H E R E A S his Majesty hath been informed, that many Lands, Tenements and Hereditaments, in several Countyes and Baronies of this Kingdom, which have been passed, either by Certificate of his Majesties late Commissioners for putting in Execution the Acts of Settlement and Explanation, or by his Majesties Letters Patents, to the present possessors thereof, or those under whom they Claim, or else have been restored to the former Proprietors thereof, being charged with the yearly Quit-rents payable unto his Majesty thereout, by the Acts, are so course and barren, that the Quit-rents do amount unto, or come neer the yearly value of the said Lands, by reason whereof, the said Quit-rents have been so far suffered to run in Arrear, that the profits of the said lands, will not be sufficient to answer unto his Majesty the said Arrears and the growing Quit-rents, so that by means of the growing Quit-rent due out of such lands being so high, and the Arrears thereupon being so great, many of the said lands doe lye wast, and all plantation thereupon is hindred and discouraged, and his Majesties Revenue is thereby Impaired, A great part of the said Lands now yielding no Rent or profit to his Majesty, Whereas if the Quit-rents were reduced, and part of the said Arrears discharged, they might well yield unto his Majesty some moderate Rent thereout. And whereas his Majesty is also informed, that there are some other

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forfeited Lands in this Kingdome, remaining in his Majesties disposal, that are so course and barren, that they are not of sufficient yearly value to answer the Quit-rents payable unto his Majestie thereout, by the said Acts, his Majestie having taken the premises into his Princely consideration, And being desirous that all they who are or may be interested in any such Lands, Tenements and Hereditaments, may upon due Examination of all Circumstances, requisite to be considered, receive such abatement and moderation of the Quit-rents, payable unto his Majestie, for such Lands Tenements and Hereditaments, and of such part of the arrears of Quit-rent due unto his Majestie thereout, or charged thereupon, as may be agreeable to Justice and Equity, and may encourage the planting thereof, hath been graciously pleased, by his Letters under his Royal Signet and Sign Manual, bearing date at his Court at Whitehall the third day of December 1675, to Authorize and require the Lord Lieutenant General and General Governour of this Kingdom, to Cause a Commission to be issued under the great Seal of this Kingdom, to us his Majesties Lieutenant, and four others of his Majesties Privy Councill of this Kingdom, such as we should think fit to Nominate, Giving unto the said Commissioners, or any three or more of them (whereof the Lord Lieutenant to be alwayes one,) full power and authority, to inquire into and Examine, the values of all and singular such Lands, Tenements and Hereditaments, which they shall find or judge not to be of sufficient value to satisfy the Quit-rents payable by the said Acts of Settlement and Explanation, and the Arrears of Quit-rent and other Publique charges due for the same, or the Quit-rents whereof, according to the said Acts do neer amount unto the yearly value of such Lands, and upon due information and knowledge had of the value thereof, and Examination of such other Circumstances, as may be necessary to guide his Majesties said Commissioners in this affair, by their Orders in writing under the hands and Seales of the said Commissioners, or any three or more, of them, (whereof the Lord Lieutenant to be alwayes one,) to cause such abatement and moderation to be made of the Quit-rents payable unto his Majestie by the said Acts for such Lands, and of the arrears of such Quit-rents due thereupon, as his Majesties said Commissioners in their judgment and conscience shall think fit, with power also to Examine any person or persons upon Oath, concerning any matter or thing which they shall judge necessary for their information concerning the premises, the said Commission to continue in force for the space of twelve Calendar months from the day of the date thereof and no longer, and not to Extend to the abatement of any Quit-rents due unto his Majestie, out of any Lands that shall appear to the said Commissioners, to be of the yearly value of twelve pence the Irish Acre, in the Province of Leinster, or nine pence the Irish Acre in the Province of Munster, or Eight pence the Irish Acre in the Province of Ulster, or six pence the Irish Acre in the Province of Connaught, nor to the abatement or discharge of
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more than four Thousand pounds per annum of the Quit-rents due unto his Majestie out of all and every the Lands before mentioned.

And whereas in pursuance of his Majesties said Letters, a Commission is since past under the great Seal of this Kingdome, appointing us the Lord Lieutenant, and Michael Lord Arch-Bishop of Dublin, Lord Chancellor of this Kingdome, Richard Earle of Arran, Sir Robert Booth Knight, Lord Chief Justice of his Majesties Court of Common-Pleas, and Sir Charles Meredith Knight, Chancelloz of his Majesties Court of Exchequer in this Kingdome, to be his Majesties Commissioners. Authorising them or any three of them (whereof the Lord Lieutenant to be alwayes one) to be his Majesties Commissioners for the Ends and purposes aforesaid. We have thought fit hereby to give notice thereof to all Persons concerned in such Course and Warren Lands, to the End they may apply themselves to his Majesties said Commissioners, and deliver their Petitions to Richard Aldworth Esquire, Secretary to us the Lord Lieutenant, (who is appointed to receive all Petitions of that nature) on or before the seventeenth day of August next ensuing the date hereof, after which day no Petitions for the abatement or reducement of any Quit-rents will be received. And we doe hereby require all Persons who do expect any reducement of their Quit-rents, that they doe in their said Petitions, faithfully and truly set down the full and real yearly value of the Lands, for which they shall desire any such reducement, and of the Quit-rents payable thereout, and the arrears of Quit-rent now Chargeable thereupon, lest by any misinformation given by them to his Majesties said Commissioners therein, they may lose the benefit, that otherwise they might expect, by virtue of the said Commission. And we do hereby further declare, that no abatement will be made by his Majesties said Commissioners, of the Quit-rents due out of any Lands, that are of the yearly values herein abode mentioned, in the severall Provinces of this Kingdome, nor in any Case where there hath been any former reducement of Quit-rents either at this Board, or by the late Commissioners for Executing the Acts of Settlement and Explanation.

Given at the Council Chamber in Dublin the 26th day of June, one thousand six hundred seventy six.

Ja: Armachanus. Art: Granard. Hen: Midenfis. R: Coote.
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 J: Temple. Wm: Gore. Ol: St Gorge Wm: Flower.
 Ran: Clayton.

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